SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENTS TO JUDICIAL MERIT SCREENING APPLICATION

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FAMILY COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ACTIVE RETIRED

APPLICATION ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED JULY 26, 2017



AMENDMENT TO "TRANSCRIPT OF PUBLIC RECORD" #3 INADVERTANTLY LEFT UNASWERED

ARE YOU ENGAGED IN ANY LEGAL ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN YOUR SERVICE AS A RETIRED JUDGE, SUCH AS ACTING AS AN ARBITRATOR OR MEDIATOR? **ANSWER:** YES, I ACT AS A MEDIATOR AND ARBITRATOR IN FAMILY LAW CASES.

AMENDMENT TO PDQ QUESTION # 13 STRIKING ANSWER AND REPLACING AS FOLLOWS

SINCE YOUR LAST SCREENING, HAS A TAX LIEN OR OTHER COLLECTION PROCEDURE BEEN INSTITUTED AGAINST YOU BY FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL AUTHORITIES? ANSWER: YES. AS A RESULT OF FEDERAL AND STATE TAX ISSUES ARISING FROM MY DIVORCE, THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE NOTIFIED ME THAT I OWED TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2014. MY CPA IMMEDIATELY CHALLENGED THIS ASSESSMENT AND WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE WOULD RECOGNIZE THE ERROR. (NOTE: THE IRS MADE A SIMILAR ASSESSMENT BASED UPON THE SAME ISSUE, MY CPA WAS SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING THE ASSESSMENT REVERSED RESULTING IN MY RECEIVING A REFUND.) I SIGNED A POWER OF ATTORNEY ALLOWING MY CPA TO ACT ON MY BEHALF TO HAVE THE STATE ASSESSMENT REVERSED AS WELL. UPON ADVICE OF MY CPA, I DID NOT IMMEDIATELY PAY THE ASSESSMENT, I DO NOT RECALL RECEIVING A TAX LIEN FORM W-131 WHICH HAD BEEN FILED IN THE RICHLAND COUNTY COURT. THIS LIEN NOTICE MAY HAVE BEEN SENT TO MY CPA ACTING AS MY POWER OF ATTORNEY. I HAD SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS WITH MY CPA AS HE HANDLED THIS ISSUE. WE DECIDED THAT THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION WOULD BE TO PAY THE ASSESSMENT WHILE MY CPA CONTINUED TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE. THIS COMMUNICATION IS ONGOING. I AM STILL ANTICIPATING THAT MY CPA WILL BE SUCCESSFUL AND THAT I WILL OBTAIN A REFUND OF THE TAX LIEN WHICH WAS SATISFIED ON AUGUST 2, 2017.

AMENDMENT TO PDQ #14 STRIKING ANSWER AND REPLACING AS FOLLOWS

SINCE YOUR LAST SCREENING, HAVE YOU BEEN SUED, EITHER PERSONALLY OR PROFESSIONALLY? ANSWER: THE JUDICIAL SCREENING COMMISSION PROVIDED ME WITH A COPY OF A RICHLAND COUNTY PUBLIC INDEX INDICATING THAT I HAD BEEN NAMED IN A LAWSUIT FILED BY AN INMATE WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY FILED A SIMILAR ACTION. I DISCLOSED THE EARLIER ACTION IN MY APPLICATION FOR RE-ELECTION IN 2009. THAT ACTION WAS DISMISSED. UNTIL I HAD MY INTERVIEW WITH THE ATTORNEY FROM THE JUDICIAL SCREENING COMMISSION, I WAS UNAWARE THAT THE SAME INMATE HAD FILED A SUBSEQUENT ACTION PRESUMABLY REQUESTING THE IDENTICAL RELIEF. I WAS NEVER SERVED WITH THE PLEADINGS. I HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF OR

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INFORMATION ABOUT THE CASE. THE PUBLIC INDEX INDICATES THIS MORE RECENT ACTION HAS BEEN DISMISSED AS WELL.

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